Introduced by Assembly Member Daucher

February 16, 2005

An act to add Chapter 3.34 (commencing with Section 1596.55) to Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 11105 of the Penal Code, relating to criminal history checks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 507, as introduced, Daucher. Criminal history checks: health studio child care providers.

Existing law authorizes a child care provider, as defined, and any person providing in-home educational or counseling services to a minor who possesses any one of 4 identification cards to initiate a background examination process by submitting 2 sets of fingerprints and a completed trustline application to the Department of Justice. Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to establish a trustline registry and, upon submission of the trustline application and fingerprints, to enter into the trustline registry the provider's name and other specified information.

For a person 18 years of age or older who applies to be employed by or volunteer at a health studio and whose regular duties would be to provide care for or supervision of a child, this bill would require a health studio to obtain state and federal summary criminal history information and request subsequent arrest notification from the Department of Justice before that person may begin employment or begin volunteering.

For a person 18 years of age or older who is, on January 1, 2006, already employed by or volunteering at a health studio and whose regular duties are to provide care for or direct supervision of a child,

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the bill would require a health studio to, by December 31, 2006, obtain state and federal summary criminal history information from the Department of Justice and request subsequent arrest notification.

The bill would require that a person under 18 years of age whose regular duties are to care for children as an employee or volunteer within the health studio's child day care center be supervised by a person who is 18 years of age or older for whom the health studio has obtained state and federal summary criminal history information and requested subsequent arrest notification.

The bill would require a health studio facility to display a notice that is visible to persons when dropping off or picking up children, containing a statement that, effective December 31, 2006, the health studio has requested state and federal summary criminal history information from the Department of Justice for all employees and volunteers of the facility who are 18 years of age or older and whose regular duties are to provide care for or directly supervise any child on behalf of or at the health studio. The bill would also require the notice to contain a statement that health studio members may request additional information from the health studio.

The bill would require a health studio, when entering or renewing a membership contract with a person, to offer that person a notice describing the health studio's child care policy, including the health studio's policy with respect to employing or accepting as a volunteer a person who has a criminal history.

Existing law requires the Department of Justice to furnish various agencies and entities with a person's state summary criminal history information when that information is used for employment, licensing, or certification purposes, and permits the department to furnish that information, upon a showing of a compelling need, to specified entities.

The bill would require the Department of Justice to provide to the health studio state and federal summary criminal history information and to charge a fee sufficient to cover the cost of processing the request.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3.34 (commencing with Section 1596.55) is added to Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

CHAPTER 3.34. CRIMINAL RECORD CLEARANCES FOR HEALTH STUDIO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

- 1596.55. (a) For a person 18 years of age or older who applies to be employed by or volunteer at a health studio and whose regular duties would be to provide care for or direct supervision of a child, a health studio shall obtain state and federal summary criminal history information from the Department of Justice pursuant to subdivision (f), and shall request subsequent arrest notification pursuant to subdivision (g) before that person may begin employment or begin volunteering.
- (b) For a person 18 years of age or older who is, on January 1, 2006, already employed by or volunteering at a health studio and whose regular duties are to provide care for or direct supervision of a child, a health studio shall, by December 31, 2006, obtain state and federal summary criminal history information from the Department of Justice pursuant to subdivision (f), and shall request subsequent arrest notification pursuant to subdivision (g).
- (c) A health studio facility that provides care for or supervision of children shall display a notice that is visible to persons when dropping off or picking up children. The notice shall contain a statement that, effective December 31, 2006, the health studio has requested state and federal summary criminal history information from the Department of Justice for all employees and volunteers of the facility who are 18 years of age or older and whose regular duties are to provide care for or directly supervise any child on behalf of or at the health studio. The notice shall also contain a statement that health studio members may request additional information from the health studio.
- (d) When entering or renewing a membership contract with a person, a health studio shall offer to that person a notice, separate from the contract, describing the health studio's child care policy, including, but not limited to, the health studio's policy with

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respect to employing or accepting as a volunteer a person described in subdivision (a) or (b) who has a criminal history.

- (e) Any person under 18 years of age whose regular duties are to care for children as an employee or volunteer within the health studio's child day care center shall be supervised by a person who is 18 years of age or older for whom the health studio has obtained state and federal summary criminal history information and requested subsequent arrest notification pursuant to this section.
- (f) (1) A health studio shall submit to the Department of Justice fingerprint images and related information required by the Department of Justice for any person described in subdivision (a) or (b) for the purposes of obtaining information as to the existence and content of a record of state or federal convictions, and also information as to the existence and content of a record of state or federal arrests for which the Department of Justice establishes that the person is free on bail or on his or her own recognizance pending trial or appeal.
- (2) The Department of Justice shall forward requests for federal summary criminal history information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Department of Justice shall review the information returned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and compile and disseminate a fitness determination to the health studio.
- (3) The Department of Justice shall respond to the health studio pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (n) of Section 11105 of the Penal Code.
- (4) The Department of Justice shall charge a fee sufficient to cover the cost of processing the request described in paragraph (1).
- (g) A health studio shall request from the Department of Justice subsequent arrest notification service, as provided pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code, for persons described in subdivisions (a) and (b).
- (h) For purposes of this section, "health studio" means any facility described in Section 1812.81 of the Civil Code.
 - SEC. 2. Section 11105 of the Penal Code is amended to read:
- 11105. (a) (1) The Department of Justice shall maintain state summary criminal history information.
 - (2) As used in this section:

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(A) "State summary criminal history information" means the master record of information compiled by the Attorney General pertaining to the identification and criminal history of any person, such as name, date of birth, physical description, fingerprints, photographs, date of arrests, arresting agencies and booking numbers, charges, dispositions, and similar data about the person.

- (B) "State summary criminal history information" does not refer to records and data compiled by criminal justice agencies other than the Attorney General, nor does it refer to records of complaints to or investigations conducted by, or records of intelligence information or security procedures of, the office of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice.
- (b) The Attorney General shall furnish state summary criminal history information to any of the following, if needed in the course of their duties, provided that when information is furnished to assist an agency, officer, or official of state or local government, a public utility, or any other entity, in fulfilling employment, certification, or licensing duties, Chapter 1321 of the Statutes of 1974 and Section 432.7 of the Labor Code shall apply:
 - (1) The courts of the state.

- (2) Peace officers of the state as defined in Section 830.1, subdivisions (a) and (e) of Section 830.2, subdivision (a) of Section 830.3, subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 830.5, and subdivision (a) of Section 830.31.
 - (3) District attorneys of the state.
 - (4) Prosecuting city attorneys of any city within the state.
 - (5) Probation officers of the state.
 - (6) Parole officers of the state.
- (7) A public defender or attorney of record when representing a person in proceedings upon a petition for a certificate of rehabilitation and pardon pursuant to Section 4852.08.
- (8) A public defender or attorney of record when representing a person in a criminal case and if authorized access by statutory or decisional law.
- (9) Any agency, officer, or official of the state if the criminal history information is required to implement a statute or regulation that expressly refers to specific criminal conduct applicable to the subject person of the state summary criminal

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history information, and contains requirements or exclusions, or both, expressly based upon that specified criminal conduct. The agency, officer, or official of the state authorized by this paragraph to receive state summary criminal history information may also transmit fingerprint images and related information to the Department of Justice to be transmitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

- (10) Any city or county, or city and county, or district, or any officer, or official thereof if access is needed in order to assist that agency, officer, or official in fulfilling employment, certification, or licensing duties, and if the access is specifically authorized by the city council, board of supervisors, or governing board of the city, county, or district if the criminal history information is required to implement a statute, ordinance, or regulation that expressly refers to specific criminal conduct applicable to the subject person of the state summary criminal history information, and contains requirements or exclusions, or both, expressly based upon that specified criminal conduct. The city or county, or city and county, or district, or the officer or official thereof authorized by this paragraph may also transmit fingerprint images and related information to the Department of Justice to be transmitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- (11) The subject of the state summary criminal history information under procedures established under Article 5 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Title 1 of Part 4.
- (12) Any person or entity when access is expressly authorized by statute if the criminal history information is required to implement a statute or regulation that expressly refers to specific criminal conduct applicable to the subject person of the state summary criminal history information, and contains requirements or exclusions, or both, expressly based upon that specified criminal conduct.
- (13) Health officers of a city, county, or city and county, or district, when in the performance of their official duties enforcing Section 120175 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (14) Any managing or supervising correctional officer of a county jail or other county correctional facility.
- 39 (15) Any humane society, or society for the prevention of 40 cruelty to animals, for the specific purpose of complying with

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Section 14502 of the Corporations Code for the appointment of level 1 humane officers.

- (16) Local child support agencies established by Section 17304 of the Family Code. When a local child support agency closes a support enforcement case containing summary criminal history information, the agency shall delete or purge from the file and destroy any documents or information concerning or arising from offenses for or of which the parent has been arrested, charged, or convicted, other than for offenses related to the parent's having failed to provide support for minor children, consistent with the requirements of Section 17531 of the Family Code.
- (17) County child welfare agency personnel who have been delegated the authority of county probation officers to access state summary criminal history information pursuant to Section 272 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for the purposes specified in Section 16504.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Information from criminal history records provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not be used for any purposes other than those specified in this section and Section 16504.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. When an agency obtains records obtained both on the basis of name checks and fingerprint checks, final placement decisions shall be based only on the records obtained pursuant to the fingerprint check.
- (c) The Attorney General may furnish state summary criminal history information upon a showing of a compelling need to any of the following, provided that when information is furnished to assist an agency, officer, or official of state or local government, a public utility, or any other entity, in fulfilling employment, certification, or licensing duties, Chapter 1321 of the Statutes of 1974 and Section 432.7 of the Labor Code shall apply:
- (1) Any public utility as defined in Section 216 of the Public Utilities Code that operates a nuclear energy facility when access is needed in order to assist in employing persons to work at the facility, provided that, if the Attorney General supplies the data, he or she shall furnish a copy of the data to the person to whom the data relates.
- 38 (2) To a peace officer of the state other than those included in subdivision (b).
 - (3) To a peace officer of another country.

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(4) To public officers (other than peace officers) of the United States, other states, or possessions or territories of the United States, provided that access to records similar to state summary criminal history information is expressly authorized by a statute of the United States, other states, or possessions or territories of the United States if the information is needed for the performance of their official duties.

- (5) To any person when disclosure is requested by a probation, parole, or peace officer with the consent of the subject of the state summary criminal history information and for purposes of furthering the rehabilitation of the subject.
- (6) The courts of the United States, other states, or territories or possessions of the United States.
- (7) Peace officers of the United States, other states, or territories or possessions of the United States.
- (8) To any individual who is the subject of the record requested if needed in conjunction with an application to enter the United States or any foreign nation.
- (9) Any public utility as defined in Section 216 of the Public Utilities Code, if access is needed in order to assist in employing current or prospective employees who in the course of their employment may be seeking entrance to private residences. The information provided shall be limited to the record of convictions and any arrest for which the person is released on bail or on his or her own recognizance pending trial.

If the Attorney General supplies the data pursuant to this paragraph, the Attorney General shall furnish a copy of the data to the current or prospective employee to whom the data relates.

Any information obtained from the state summary criminal history is confidential and the receiving public utility shall not disclose its contents, other than for the purpose for which it was acquired. The state summary criminal history information in the possession of the public utility and all copies made from it shall be destroyed not more than 30 days after employment or promotion or transfer is denied or granted, except for those cases where a current or prospective employee is out on bail or on his or her own recognizance pending trial, in which case the state summary criminal history information and all copies shall be destroyed not more than 30 days after the case is resolved.

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A violation of this paragraph is a misdemeanor, and shall give the current or prospective employee who is injured by the violation a cause of action against the public utility to recover damages proximately caused by the violations. Any public utility's request for state summary criminal history information for purposes of employing current or prospective employees who may be seeking entrance to private residences in the course of their employment shall be deemed a "compelling need" as required to be shown in this subdivision.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as imposing any duty upon public utilities to request state summary criminal history information on any current or prospective employees.

- (10) To any campus of the California State University or the University of California, or any four-year college or university accredited by a regional accreditation organization approved by the United States Department of Education, if needed in conjunction with an application for admission by a convicted felon to any special education program for convicted felons, including, but not limited to, university alternatives and halfway houses. Only conviction information shall be furnished. The college or university may require the convicted felon to be fingerprinted, and any inquiry to the department under this section shall include the convicted felon's fingerprints and any other information specified by the department.
- (d) Whenever an authorized request for state summary criminal history information pertains to a person whose fingerprints are on file with the Department of Justice and the department has no criminal history of that person, and the information is to be used for employment, licensing, or certification purposes, the fingerprint card accompanying the request for information, if any, may be stamped "no criminal record" and returned to the person or entity making the request.
- (e) Whenever state *or federal* summary criminal history information is furnished as the result of an application and is to be used for employment, licensing, or certification purposes, the Department of Justice may charge the person or entity making the request a fee that it determines to be sufficient to reimburse the department for the cost of furnishing the information. In addition, the Department of Justice may add a surcharge to the fee to fund maintenance and improvements to the systems from

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which the information is obtained. Notwithstanding any other law, any person or entity required to pay a fee to the department for information received under this section may charge the applicant a fee sufficient to reimburse the person or entity for this expense. All moneys received by the department pursuant to this section, Sections 11105.3 and 12054 of the Penal Code, and Section 13588 of the Education Code shall be deposited in a special account in the General Fund to be available for expenditure by the department to offset costs incurred pursuant to those sections and for maintenance and improvements to the systems from which the information is obtained upon appropriation by the Legislature.

- (f) Whenever there is a conflict, the processing of criminal fingerprints and fingerprints of applicants for security guard or alarm agent registrations or firearms qualification permits submitted pursuant to Section 7583.9, 7583.23, 7596.3, or 7598.4 of the Business and Professions Code shall take priority over the processing of other applicant fingerprints.
- (g) It is not a violation of this section to disseminate statistical or research information obtained from a record, provided that the identity of the subject of the record is not disclosed.
- (h) It is not a violation of this section to include information obtained from a record in (1) a transcript or record of a judicial or administrative proceeding or (2) any other public record if the inclusion of the information in the public record is authorized by a court, statute, or decisional law.
- (i) Notwithstanding any other law, the Department of Justice or any state or local law enforcement agency may require the submission of fingerprints for the purpose of conducting summary criminal history information checks that are authorized by law.
- (j) The state summary criminal history information shall include any finding of mental incompetence pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 1367) of Title 10 of Part 2 arising out of a complaint charging a felony offense specified in Section 290.
- (k) (1) This subdivision shall apply whenever state or federal summary criminal history information is furnished by the Department of Justice as the result of an application by an authorized agency or organization and the information is to be

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used for peace officer employment or certification purposes. As used in this subdivision, a peace officer is defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2.

- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever state summary criminal history information is furnished pursuant to paragraph (1), the Department of Justice shall disseminate the following information:
 - (A) Every conviction rendered against the applicant.
- (B) Every arrest for an offense for which the applicant is presently awaiting trial, whether the applicant is incarcerated or has been released on bail or on his or her own recognizance pending trial.
- (C) Every arrest or detention, except for an arrest or detention resulting in an exoneration, provided however that where the records of the Department of Justice do not contain a disposition for the arrest, the Department of Justice first makes a genuine effort to determine the disposition of the arrest.
 - (D) Every successful diversion.

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- (*l*) (1) This subdivision shall apply whenever state or federal summary criminal history information is furnished by the Department of Justice as the result of an application by a criminal justice agency or organization as defined in Section 13101 of the Penal Code, and the information is to be used for criminal justice employment, licensing, or certification purposes.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever state summary criminal history information is furnished pursuant to paragraph (1), the Department of Justice shall disseminate the following information:
 - (A) Every conviction rendered against the applicant.
- (B) Every arrest for an offense for which the applicant is presently awaiting trial, whether the applicant is incarcerated or has been released on bail or on his or her own recognizance pending trial.
- (C) Every arrest for an offense for which the records of the Department of Justice do not contain a disposition or did not result in a conviction, provided that the Department of Justice first makes a genuine effort to determine the disposition of the arrest. However, information concerning an arrest shall not be disclosed if the records of the Department of Justice indicate or if the genuine effort reveals that the subject was exonerated,

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successfully completed a diversion or deferred entry of judgment program, or the arrest was deemed a detention.

- (m) (1) This subdivision shall apply whenever state or federal summary criminal history information is furnished by the Department of Justice as the result of an application by an authorized agency or organization pursuant to Section 1522, 1568.09, 1569.17, or 1596.871 of the Health and Safety Code, or any statute that incorporates the criteria of any of those sections or this subdivision by reference, and the information is to be used for employment, licensing, or certification purposes.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever state summary criminal history information is furnished pursuant to paragraph (1), the Department of Justice shall disseminate the following information:
- (A) Every conviction of an offense rendered against the applicant.
- (B) Every arrest for an offense for which the applicant is presently awaiting trial, whether the applicant is incarcerated or has been released on bail or on his or her own recognizance pending trial.
- (C) Every arrest for an offense for which the Department of Social Services is required by paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1522 of the Health and Safety Code to determine if an applicant has been arrested. However, if the records of the Department of Justice do not contain a disposition for an arrest, the Department of Justice shall first make a genuine effort to determine the disposition of the arrest.
- (3) Notwithstanding the requirements of the sections referenced in paragraph (1) of this subdivision, the Department of Justice shall not disseminate information about an arrest subsequently deemed a detention or an arrest that resulted in either the successful completion of a diversion program or exoneration.
- (n) (1) This subdivision shall apply whenever state or federal summary criminal history information is furnished by the Department of Justice as the result of an application by an authorized agency, organization, or individual pursuant to Section 11105.3 or 11105.4 of this eode, Section 1596.55 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 15660 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or any statute that incorporates the criteria of

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any of those sections or this subdivision by reference, and the information is to be used for employment, licensing, or certification purposes.

- (2) With the exception of applications submitted by transportation companies authorized pursuant to Section 11105.3, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever state summary criminal history information is furnished pursuant to paragraph (1), the Department of Justice shall disseminate the following information:
- (A) Every conviction rendered against the applicant for a violation or attempted violation of any offense specified in subdivision (a) of Section 15660 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. However, with the exception of those offenses for which registration is required pursuant to Section 290, the Department of Justice shall not disseminate information pursuant to this subdivision unless the conviction occurred within 10 years of the date of the agency's request for information or the conviction is over 10 years old but the subject of the request was incarcerated within 10 years of the agency's request for information.
- (B) Every arrest for a violation or attempted violation of an offense specified in subdivision (a) of Section 15660 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for which the applicant is presently awaiting trial, whether the applicant is incarcerated or has been released on bail or on his or her own recognizance pending trial.
- (o) (1) This subdivision shall apply whenever state or federal summary criminal history information is furnished by the Department of Justice as the result of an application by an authorized agency or organization pursuant to Section 261 or 777.5 of the Financial Code, or any statute that incorporates the criteria of either of those sections or this subdivision by reference, and the information is to be used for employment, licensing, or certification purposes.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever state summary criminal history information is furnished pursuant to paragraph (1), the Department of Justice shall disseminate the following information:
- (A) Every conviction rendered against the applicant for a violation or attempted violation of any offense specified in Section 777.5 of the Financial Code.

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(B) Every arrest for a violation or attempted violation of an offense specified in Section 777.5 of the Financial Code for which the applicant is presently awaiting trial, whether the applicant is incarcerated or has been released on bail or on his or her own recognizance pending trial.

- (p) (1) This subdivision shall apply whenever state or federal criminal history information is furnished by the Department of Justice as the result of an application by an agency, organization, or individual not defined in subdivision (k), (*l*), (m), (n), or (o), or by a transportation company authorized pursuant to Section 11105.3, or any statute that incorporates the criteria of that section or this subdivision by reference, and the information is to be used for employment, licensing, or certification purposes.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, whenever state summary criminal history information is furnished pursuant to paragraph (1), the Department of Justice shall disseminate the following information:
 - (A) Every conviction rendered against the applicant.
- (B) Every arrest for an offense for which the applicant is presently awaiting trial, whether the applicant is incarcerated or has been released on bail or on his or her own recognizance pending trial.
- (q) All agencies, organizations, or individuals defined in subdivisions (k), (*l*), (m), (n), (o), and (p) may contract with the Department of Justice for subsequent arrest notification pursuant to Section 11105.2. This subdivision shall not supersede sections that mandate an agency, organization, or individual to contract with the Department of Justice for subsequent arrest notification pursuant to Section 11105.2.
- (r) Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that the Department of Justice shall cease compliance with any other statutory notification requirements.
- (s) The provisions of Section 50.12 of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations are to be followed in processing federal criminal history information.